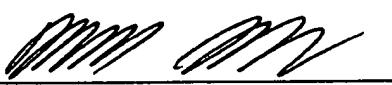




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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – Art Unit 1634  
Attorney Docket No. 42778.8013.US01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re the Application of: <b>TSAO, Betty P.</b> Serial No.: 09/909,317 Filed: July 18, 2001 For: <b>GENETIC MARKER TEST FOR LUPUS</b></p>	<p>Examiner: Johannsen, Diana B. Group Art Unit: 1634 Docket No.: 42778.8013.US01  I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p> Rena Iov</p>
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Dear Madam,

The following is in response to the final Office Action mailed March 18, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification begin on p. 2.**

**Amendments to the claims begin on p. 6.**

**Remarks begin on p. 10.**

**Conclusion begins on p. 12.**